



## Austin City Council MINUTES

**For** SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - FEBRUARY 28, 1989 - 3:00 P.M.  
FIRST FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM - AVANTE PLAZA BUILDING  
625 EAST 10TH STREET

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Mayor Cooke called to order the meeting of the Council, noting the absence of Councilmembers Urdy and Barnstone.

### WASTEWATER AVERAGING PERIOD

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 881201-G, to change the wastewater averaging period for 1989, to utilize the two lowest months of the regular three month wastewater averaging period, in lieu of using all three months to set wastewater averages for all classes of customers. (5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Barnstone and Urdy absent)

### APPOINTMENTS TO AIDC

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, appointed Mayor Cooke and Councilmember Barnstone as members of the Austin Industrial Development Corporation. (5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Barnstone and Urdy absent)

### BOND REFUNDING

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, adopted a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Austin Industrial Development Corporation to refund the Corporation's Series 1983 Industrial Development revenue bonds (Silver Enterprises, Inc. Project) (4-0 Vote, Councilmembers Urdy and Barnstone absent, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman out of the room.)

### WORKSESSION ITEMS

Elaine Hart, Director of Finance, and Mike Abkowitz, presented a review of the Five Year Forecast.

Ron Bond reported on Water and Wastewater C.I.P. Deferral.

No report was given on Airport Update.

### COUNCIL RETREAT TO APPROVE 1989 COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

The Council, by acclamation, adopted the following 1989 Council objectives:

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Water and Wastewater

- I. Water Treatment Plant #4
  - A. Continue deferred status of construction however we will seek staff review for design/easement acquisition
- II. Water Quality Plan
  - A. Resolve the Tertiary Treatment Issue with LCRA (January 1990)
  - B. Non-Point Source Pollution Plan (14 Point Plan) (January 1990)
- III. Zero Rate Increase (September 1989)
- IV. Study to Look at the Funding Expenditures Between New Lines and Existing Lines (August 1989)

Environmental Policy

- I. Solid Waste Management
  - A. Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan including garbage pickup, transfer stations, landfill management, recycling, composting, education and financing mechanism (January 1990)
- II. Urban Watershed Management
  - A. A Water Quality Plan
  - B. Resolve the Tertiary Treatment Issue with LCRA (January 1990)
  - C. Non-Point Source Pollution Plan (14 Point Plan) (January 1990)
- III. Water Conservation
  - A. Study comprehensive use and impact of gray water within the existing City and related Health issues (March 1990)
- IV. Air Quality
  - A. Comprehensive Air Quality Report: What is our problem regarding our air quality? What are possible solutions? (March 1990)
  - B. If the standards for Ozone Standards change then we develop a plan to address that change
  - C. Address the issue of toxins in the air
  - D. Right to Know Act status (December 1989)
- V. Hazardous Materials
  - A. Comprehensive Report on Notification of Transportation of Hazardous Materials (December 1989)
  - B. Right to Know Act status (December 1989)

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VI. Flood Control and Prevention

- A. Plan for maintenance and flood control along Little Walnut Creek (Ongoing)
- B. Creek maintenance and flood control (September 1989)

VII. Endangered Species

- A. Pass a local ordinance (May 1989)
- B. Develop a Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (within 3 years)

VIII. Tree Planting Plan

- A. Cooperate with LCRA and Capital Metro to plant 100,000 trees (October 1990)

Natural Resource Conservation

- I. Continue Funding RMD--Increase Funding Emphasis on Cost Effective Services to the Community
- II. EUD Generation Plant Including Solar, Natural Gas, Conservation Efficiency
- III. Continue Funding Neighborhood Conservation--Preserving Austin's Neighborhoods

Museum Service Policy

- I. Sesquicentennial
  - A. Hold at least 5 major events (Through December 1989)
  - B. Invite 3 Sister Cities to participate in Sesquicentennial Celebration (Through December 1989)
- II. Arts/Arts Funding
  - A. Reaffirm our commitment to 1% funding for the Arts
  - B. Complete a Cultural Facilities Policy (June 1, 1989)
  - C. Resolve the Laguna Gloria issue (March 1989)
  - D. Fund \$100,000 for repair of Dougherty Art Center
- III. Town Lake Plan
  - A. Would seek to implement one major project each year over the next 3 years
- IV. Silker Garden Plan
  - A. Establish a Botanical Garden
  - B. Work with Adelaide to include an Adelaide Garden in the Botanical Garden

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V. Library

- A. Commitment to keeping Libraries open
- B. Adequate book budget
- C. Resolve and define a Council position on the Library Distribution System for the 1990's

VI. Parks

- A. Finest Parks System in the nation (Ongoing)
- B. Quality, affordable Leisure Services for all Austinites (Ongoing)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cooke announced Council would enter into executive session, pursuant to Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and for personnel matters. No final action, decision or vote by the City Council will be taken on any subject or matter unless specifically listed on the agenda for the meeting.

1. Pending Litigation - Section 2, Paragraph e

- a. City of Austin v. Houston Lighting and Power
- b. Sierra Club v. FAA #88-1820
- c. Potential intervention in asbestos abatement litigation

2. Personnel Matters - Section 2, Paragraph g

- a. Appointment of Municipal Court Clerk

RECESS

Council recessed for executive session at 6:50 P.M. and resumed its recessed meeting at 7:15 P.M.

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, adopted a resolution approving entering into a contract with Martin W. Dies, P.C. for legal services to the City of Austin related to asbestos abatement cost recovery on a contingency fee basis. (4-0 Vote, Councilmembers Urdy and Barnstone absent, Councilmember Nofziger out of the room.)

ADJOURNMENT - Council adjourned its meeting at 7:16 P.M.

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